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In reply to the Final Office Action mailed September 24, 2008, Applicant provides this response including the following amendments and remarks. A Request for Continued Examination is included with this paper. An Information Disclosure Statement accompanies this paper.